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project was on the dikes of the grand canal from Yang-chou in the south to Su-chien in the north, a distance of 230 miles, which employed 136,000 persons for 6 weeks. A total of 6,060 tons of rice was issued in wages by the people's government.

Extensive repairs, involving 7,690 meters of dikes in several hsien, have also been carried out in southwestern Anhwei.

SALT PRODUCTION REACHES 600,000 TONS -- Ta Kung Pao, 3 Jul 49

Shen-yang, 1 July 1949 (NCHA) -- During the first 6 months of 1949, 600,000 tons of evaporated salt were produced from the salt fields operated by the Salt Industry Control Office of the Northeast Administrative Commission. This represents 85 percent of the goal of 700,000 tons set for all of 1949, and is more than the total output of 400,000 tons in 1948. There are 563,200 acres of salt fields in the Northeast stretching from Ka-shan Hsien in Liaotung to Shan-hai-kuan, with a possible annual output of 1 1/2 million tons, which is equal to half of the entire salt output of China. The total productive salt fields in 1949 amount to 393,600 acres, using over 400 water pumps and employing 15,000 laborers and 900 electricians and carpenters. The total 1949 output probably will reach 800,000 - 900,000 tons.

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